

## PARK COMMISSION HAS NOT EXPIRED

Its Labors Ended, But Not Dismissed by Court.

### COULD BE CALLED TOGETHER

Members Do Not Draw Salaries Though the Board Still Has a Legal Existence.

The Rock Creek Park Commission is still in existence as an organization, although its duties have been practically completed for a number of years.

On Wednesday last Representative Robinson of Indiana, while speaking in the House on national parks, said the Rock Creek Park Commission was still in existence, with its three members drawing a salary of \$10 a day. The next morning he corrected this assertion and said the commission had expired by limitation some years ago.

### It Still Exists.

Officials of the District government, when asked about the question, were of the opinion that the commission still exists. When nearly all the land for the park had been condemned, the members of the commission, Richard Wightman, S. P. Langley, and H. V. Boynton, applied to the District courts for their formal dismissal from duty as a commission.

This was refused on the ground that there might arise some matters which the gentlemen would have to adjudicate. The court held that the commission should exist until all the details in regard to the condemnation of the land for the park had been settled.

### Do Not Draw Salaries.

Consequently, although the members of this commission have ceased to draw salaries they still form a commission to which matters, having origin in their actions in condemning the land, can be referred in case of any dispute or question of their handling the situation.

With this exception Rock Creek Park is now controlled and looked after by the District Commissioners.

## BILL FOR ADJUDICATION OF ARCHITECTS' CLAIMS

Inquiry Into Settlement for Plans of Library of Congress.

The Smithsonian & Pelz claim for service in connection with the erection of the Library of Congress has been reported to the Senate by Mr. Stewart from the Senate Committee on Claims, and has been put upon the calendar.

The bill confers upon the United States Court of Claims jurisdiction to rehear and render judgment, without regard to the statute of limitations, in the claim of John L. Smithmeyer and Paul J. Pelz, for compensation for their services in preparing the plans for the building. No prior settlement or adjudication of their claim for compensation for services will be a bar to such procedure. The measure of compensation is to be awarded upon an unbiased consideration of all services rendered until the plans were accepted by the United States, and in the absence of express contract the rate of compensation subsequently paid to the claimants for services in the construction of the Library building shall not be evidence of the value of the services of the claimants in preparing the plans.

The measure of compensation is not to exceed the rates and rules established by the custom and usage of the profession of architects for such services; and the evidence heretofore taken and used by either party in the Court of Claims shall be regarded as competent in this suit, and considered with such other evidence as either party may introduce.

### MORE DOT CONTEST PRIZES.

The Times today adds two more prizes for the last best answers in the contest which ends Saturday night. These prizes will be two round trip tickets to St. Louis, and will be awarded to those sending in the third and fourth LAST correct, or nearest correct, answers, making four prizes in all for the LAST correct, or nearest correct, answers.

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## Hargis-Marcum Feud Takes Its 32d Victim

James Johnson, Son of Important Witness in Murder Trial, Shot Down in Creek by an Enemy.

JACKSON, Ky., April 4.—James Johnson is the thirty-second victim of the Hargis-Marcum feud, which, after a few months of quiet, has leveled the toll of death from another participant of the warring factions that have made Breathitt county notorious.

While at the mouth of George's Creek, ten miles from Jackson, Johnson was shot and instantly killed by "Bummer" Slicer. Slicer was caught in the slaying of Johnson is an outcome of the conviction of Curtis Jett and James Cockrell for the murder of Lawyer James B. Marcum in the court house at this place in May last.

### Relatives of Leaders.

Johnson is a nephew of Marcum, while Slicer is kin to Sheriff Edward Callahan. Callahan is a leader of the Hargis faction, to which Jett and White belonged. Details of the death of Johnson are scanty. It is known that he was standing on a sandbar in the creek, and that Slicer's houseboat was anchored near by.

Slicer appeared in the doorway of the boat with his rifle. He leveled it at Johnson, and before the latter could

fire sent a bullet through his breast. Johnson died instantly. Riders who came to town from George's Creek say that the news of the assassination of Johnson is almost certain to cause a reopening of hostilities between the feuding factions.

As soon as Johnson's friends learned of his fate, messengers were sent to notify his relatives and warn them that their enemies were after them.

### Son of Important Witness.

The shooting of Johnson is doubtless attributable to the part his mother took in the conviction of Jett and White. He is a son of Mrs. Mary Johnson, a sister of Marcum. Mrs. Johnson was one of the most important witnesses for the prosecution, and her testimony concerning the threats that had been uttered against Marcum and the plots formed to take his life exerted a strong influence upon the jury.

While the militia were in Breathitt county, where they were sent by the governor to keep order directly after the murder of Marcum, the feudists made no demonstrations. The soldiers were withdrawn about Christmas time, and since then both factions have maintained an aggressive attitude toward each other.

Slicer was arrested and will be held in jail. It is not unlikely that, in the absence of the military, his friends will endeavor to release him from jail.

## MAY MAKE CONTRACTS FOR ONE YEAR ONLY

Assistant Comptroller Gives Decision Concerning Rifle Range for Use of Marine Corps.

A decision affecting the use of rifle ranges by the Marine Corps and the contracting for the same, has just been given by Assistant Comptroller of the Currency Mitchell.

The point at issue was the proposed arrangement to be entered into between the Marine Corps and the board of public improvement and the common council of Lynn, Mass., whereby they were jointly to contribute to the expense of improving the rifle range of that city, with the view of its use by the Marine Corps. The expense of putting the range in condition for the use of high-power rifles was estimated at \$100, of which one-half was to be borne by the Government.

In his decision, the Comptroller concludes the necessary and some arrangement whereby the marines may have opportunity for the proper amount of target practice, as the Marine Corps has to depend largely upon rented ranges. The appropriation for this purpose, however, specifies that rental contracts for one year are all that can be entered into. The Comptroller advises Eric Gen. G. Elliott that the quartermaster of the Marine Corps should be authorized to make contracts for that period only.

It is understood that the Lynn range will be established on this basis.

### ICE CARRIES AWAY BRIDGE.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., April 4.—The Central Vermont bridge over the Richelieu River at Richelieu, Quebec, was carried away at 6 o'clock this morning by an ice jam. The entire bridge, 70 feet in length, with all piers, was wrecked, nothing being left but the stone abutments at the ends. It was the longest bridge on the Central Vermont system.

## PIPE SMOKING URGED AS CAUSE FOR DIVORCE

PATERSON Woman Declares Fumes Give Her Headache and Make Life With Husband Unbearable.

PATERSON, N. J., April 4.—Pipe smoking is cruel and abusive treatment, and a cause for divorce, according to Isadore A. Kleinert, a lawyer of Paterson, who has filed a petition in the chancery court on behalf of Mrs. Mary Wilkison.

It was not because of a desire to deprive her husband of the pleasure that she objected to the habit, Mrs. Wilkison says, in her complaint, but because of the excruciating headache it gave her. Clear smoke she could tolerate, but the thick smoke was unbearable. She said it affected her mother in the same manner.

The husband alleges that the dislike for smoke is but a ruse on the part of his wife to compel him to save money.

### KERNS MAY SUCCEED DR. J. E. MITCHELL

W. H. Stoutenburgh, Intendant of the Washington Asylum Hospital, has recommended to the District Commissioners that the resignation of Dr. J. Ernest Mitchell, resident physician of the institution, be accepted to take effect immediately.

Dr. F. J. Kerns is recommended for appointment to the vacancy. Commissioner West has referred the matter to the Board of Charities.

### PREDICTS GOOD SHAD SEASON.

BURLINGTON, N. J., April 4.—Captain Lowden, of Dutch Neck fishery, is preparing for what he predicts will prove the longest and best-paying shad season in years. Daily hauls are being made with the small nets, and large catches of carp and catfish made.

## FRIENDS PREPARE TO PRESENT GIFT

Ceremony at Catholic University April 13.

### FOR A CHAIR OF HISTORY

Knights of Columbus Will Turn Over \$50,000 Check With Imposing Exercises.

Plans have been completed by the Knights of Columbus for the ceremony in Washington attendant upon the presentation of the \$50,000 check to the Catholic University for the establishment of the chair of secular history.

The presentation is to take place at the University Wednesday, April 13. Sixty Knights of Columbus, of Boston; Deputy Supreme Knight P. L. McArdle, of Chicago; Grand Secretary Daniel Colwell and P. J. Brady, treasurer, are to present the check to Cardinal Gibbons. Bishop Galligan, former rector of the university, is to deliver the address of acceptance, and an address is also to be made by John J. Delany, corporation counsel of New York city.

### Trustees to Attend.

As there are to be fifteen or twenty members of the board of trustees of the Knights of Columbus at the ceremony, it is probable that more addresses will be made.

The board of trustees of the order is to meet at the Shoreham Wednesday, April 13, at 1 o'clock. Routine business is to be transacted, and at 3 o'clock the party is to go to the university, where the presentation is to take place.

The day following the Knights are to be received by the President at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and an hour later they are to take part in the dedication of the apostolic house at the University. The visitors are then to leave for their homes.

The presentation is to be the occasion of a great gathering of members of the order here. It was said last night that no less than 10,000 visitors are expected.

### SUPERINTENDENT DRAKE SEEKS LEGAL OPINION

Thomas E. Drake, Superintendent of Insurance for the District, has requested the Corporation Counsel to inform him whether or not mutual fire insurance companies and fraternal beneficial associations are required by law to publish annual statements of their financial condition.

The law requires it on the part of regular insurance companies and assessment associations.

## TRADE CONDITIONS NOT SO BRIGHT

Wet Weather Responsible in the Southwest.

### INCREASED LABOR TROUBLES

Outlook for Cotton Mills in Next Six Months Not Regarded as Promising.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile Agency throughout the United States and Canada report a check to the exceptionally good general trade at the Southwest, due to wet weather, an improvement in the central West, following more reasonable conditions, but some disturbance in the return of increased labor troubles and in the conflicting reports of the condition of winter-sown wheat.

A depressing influence is shown by the strike of Iowa soft coal miners, and dissensions in Pennsylvania, in addition to bitterness of the struggle between strikers and the militia in Colorado, and the prospect for another tie-up of the New York city building industry.

### Rain Improves Wheat.

Advisers from the Southwest are that winter wheat has improved with good rains. The plant is looking well in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Some sections say conditions are very uneven and only two-thirds or three-fourths of the acreage planted is likely to be harvested. In the central West the plant is generally well rooted, but thin on the ground. Western centers say good corn is scarcer than for years.

The outlook for cotton mills for the next six months is not regarded as promising, but woolen mills there are running on a full line of orders. Further shut-downs of cotton mills at Philadelphia are reported, where in general lines trade has shown an increasing tendency under better weather conditions.

### Retail Trade Good.

Chicago and New York mail orders and reports from visiting buyers begin to point to the prospect for an increasing volume of business in staple merchandise, and retail trade has been the best in a long while.

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